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Veterans' pride

Ted marches on without RAF pals

PROUD veterans from all three services marched together on Saturday during the borough's Great Get Together and Armed Forces Day celebrations.

Thousands cheered and clapped, showing their respect and gratitude, as retired servicemen and women took part in the Veterans' Parade at the Royal Artillery Barracks in Woolwich.

The parade was one of the highlights of the day, but for 73-year-old Ted Godden (pictured) from Blackheath, it was tinged

by Dick Townsend-Smith

with sadness.

Ted had been expecting to march with three of his old RAF comrades who had been due to fly in from New Zealand. They were due to meet up again for the first time since 1960. But their trip was cancelled when one of the crewmen fell ill on the way to the airport.

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Council housing upgrade

THOUSANDS of homes will be modernised as part of a royal borough programme to improve its council housing stock.

Improvement works to ensure homes are wind and watertight as well as energy efficient are due to start next month.

The programme of external and internal refurbishment works is part of the council's long-running investment in council housing.

It comes under the Greenwich Homes Standard, a new way of prioritising major

improvements and upgrades to council housing.

It follows on from the Decent Homes programme which saw a range of improvements to the borough's 22,000 council homes between 2005 and 2011.

The new Greenwich Homes Standard will incorporate upgrades not previously covered and a new way of planning means all required works will be carried out at the same time reducing the need for repeat visits for major work.

Where required, council flats and houses will see works to external and

communal areas as well improved kitchens, bathrooms alongside new roofs, boilers, windows and insulation to improve energy efficiency.

Among the first to benefit are tenants on the Barnfield Estate in Woolwich.

Work there will include upgraded lifts, new water tanks, new emergency lighting, better fire safety measures and improvements to the outside appearance.

Once these have been carried out, work will start internally, with rewiring and improvements to bathrooms and kitchens

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DAVID BONNANO: 'Here is a picture I took few weeks ago at sunset just few metres away from the Cutty Sark.'

LETTERS

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Welcome visitor

I WAS interested to read about the Visit Greenwich Welcome programme (GT June 17). We ran a similar programme in Wales in the 90s with participants being provided a certificate, lapel pin or window sticker upon graduation. Will the Greenwich version be doing the same? Also, where can other tourist information centres (TICs) be found in Greenwich - open seasonally or year round? **Wai Fong Lai, Shooters Hill**
● Visit Greenwich said: "As the programme grows, Visit Greenwich does want to provide some sort of recognition for the trainees, be it a certificate or a lapel pin. This will really help to instil a sense of pride for all customer facing staff to be the face of Greenwich. There is only one Greenwich TIC, which is within Discover Greenwich Visitor Centre at the Old Royal Naval College. During the Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Regatta from September 5-9 there will be several additional TIC outlets at high footfall areas of Royal Arsenal Woolwich and Greenwich Peninsula to meet the demands of the one million visitors expected over the five days."

Disruptions on train lines to London will increase commuter overcrowding

THE spokesperson for Southeastern trains is being somewhat disingenuous in their reply to Deborah O'Boyle's letter in Greenwich Time (June 17) about train services from January 2015. The "additional Cannon Street services" claimed will not replace all the services currently going into and out of Charing Cross, despite an earlier commitment that this would be done. The train company is actually proposing to axe a total of three trains leaving London for the Greenwich line in the evening peak, and one train into London in the morning. (NB: This information was given to stakeholders attending a meeting with the managing director only four weeks ago.) Cutting trains at a time when passenger usage is increasing on the Greenwich line by 2.7 per cent a year will inevitably lead to worse overcrowding. At least Southeastern should be honest

about this, and not try to spin a line that there will be additional services.

**Mike Sparham, Blackheath
Convenor, Greenwich Line Users' Group**

● A spokesperson for Southeastern said: "Thank you for your letter. As mentioned in our previous response, we will be providing additional services via Cannon Street for passengers travelling on the Greenwich Line during the London Bridge Thameslink re-build work from January 2015. The lack of track access at London Bridge means that Charing Cross services will not be able to run services to this station during the work and as a result fewer peak time trains will run. As Mr Sparham points out, this means one less morning peak train and three less trains in the evening peak. However, we plan to lengthen other trains through Greenwich in the peak and after peak periods and call at all stations along the line of route to mitigate the impact on passengers and help prevent overcrowding. We do understand passengers' disappointment and have done as much as we can to plan services in a way that will allow our customers to make their journeys with as little disruption as possible. We have tried to strike a balance between the needs of our passengers and the impact that the extensive works at London Bridge will have on services. We'll be making further information about timetable changes for January 2015 available in the next couple of weeks. Details of changes to services during August are available at the Thameslink Programme website www.thameslinkprogramme.co.uk/ August 2014 and we'll be communicating more information about this directly to passengers shortly."

ROYAL BOROUGH MEETINGS

THE following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

July 2 - Schools Forum, Council Chamber, 6pm
July 3 - Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel, 7pm
July 8 - Greenwich area planning committee (provisional), 6.30pm, committee rooms 4 & 5

July 9 - licensing sub-committee B, 6pm committee room 6
Safer and stronger communities scrutiny panel, Council Chamber, 7pm
July 10 - finance and public services scrutiny panel, Public Hall, 7pm.
July 15 - Licensing sub-committee C, Public Hall, 5pm.
Eltham & Kidbrooke area planning

committee, 6.30pm, Eltham Centre, 2 Archery Road
July 16 - Licensing sub-committee A, Council Chamber, 6.30pm.
Highways Committee, Public Hall, 7pm.
July 17 - Overview and Scrutiny panel, Public Hall, 7pm
July 21 - Planning Board, Public Hall, 6.30pm

More information on 020 8921 5130 or at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings

All meeting dates and times are subject to change.

We would advise you to check before you travel.

Sailing charities join tall ships partnership

So solid crew!



ON BOARD: From left, Nigel Shattock, director of fundraising at Seafarers UK, local sea cadet Christian Giraldo, borough Mayor Cllr Mick Hayes, regatta crew member Samantha Town and Martin Coles, CEO of the Sea Cadets

TWO leading charities which support seafarers are backing the Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Festival.

Seafarers UK and Sea Cadets were officially announced as the charity partners for the Falmouth to Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Festival which runs from September 5-9.

The announcement was made last Wednesday at Cutty Sark Gardens during Seafarers Awareness Week.

The two leading maritime charities have been chosen for their work in supporting both the maritime community at large and young people seeking new skills.

Borough Mayor Cllr Mick Hayes was joined by charity representatives to mark the agreement.

Nigel Shattock, director of fundraising at Seafarers UK, said: "Our support for seafarers young and old has an almost century-long connection with Greenwich's own tradition of naval training and welfare support for seafarers."

"It is a partnership that continues to this day, with our funding of the Seafarers Advice & Information Line (SAIL), a crucial service for modern-day British seafarers delivered by Greenwich Citizens Advice Bureau."

Martin Coles, CEO of the Sea Cadets, said: "We're delighted to be part of this crowd-pulling event in the home port of Greenwich. As

a charity partner, it's a great opportunity to show London what Sea Cadets can do and to give young people the experience of a lifetime."

Dozens of young people will be among the crews taking part in the tall ships regatta this summer including Thomas Tallis student Samantha Town, who is being supported by Greenwich Hospital.

Samantha said: "I am hoping this trip will give me the self-confidence needed to make friends if I get to university, or to pursue a career in the maritime sector."

Greenwich Council leader Denise Hyland said: "The royal borough would like to thank Seafarers UK and Sea Cadets for becoming our official charity partners."

"Their support is vital to ensuring that this is one of the most successful events to date. Playing host to London's first Regatta for 25 years will provide us with a fantastic opportunity to boost the local economy. It will also provide opportunities for local young people to gain new skills as they experience life sailing on the high seas."

More than 50 Tall Ships from around the world will be moored along the Greenwich shoreline, with daily sails up the River Thames to London Bridge.

● **To become a sponsor or supporter email tall-ships-sponsor@royalgreenwich.gov.uk**

Events for potential traders at regatta

TRADERS who want to run food stalls at the Greenwich Tall Ships Regatta from September 5-9 can attend an information event later this month. The regatta will see more than 50 ships on display,

with up to a million people expected to attend. A briefing for businesses interested in being food market stall holders takes place on July 31 from 2-4pm at the Gallery, The Woolwich Centre.

● **To book, email business@royalgreenwich.gov.uk with your name, company and contact details for more information visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/businessesvents**

Special funding for teenagers to sail

THERE'S special funding for four places on a Tall Ship in the Falmouth to Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Regatta. It's specifically for young

people from Greenwich state secondary schools (must be over 16 at the time of the Regatta) whose family financial situation would

otherwise prevent them from taking part. ● Contact tall.ships@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or call 020 8921 8077.

Housing upgrade programme

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where required. Work is due to start in August.

The eco improvements are part of council plans to tackle 'fuel poverty'.

Some of its least energy efficient blocks will have external walls insulated, meaning homes will be warmer and residents will benefit from lower fuel bills.

The council is making a major investment, backed by cash from the government's Energy Company Obligation programme, to contribute to the cost of the work.

Jean Peters, secretary of the Friends of Barnfield, said: "These plans are great news."

"Some of the estate dates back to 1953 and 1955, then the 1960s and 1970s, and most of it needs a major overhaul."

"When it happens, people would like to be asked what their individual requirements are."

"And they would like to be told when it is all going to happen."

Cllr Chris Kirby, the council's cabinet member for housing, said: "The new Greenwich Homes Standard is aimed at

bringing residents' homes up to the highest modern day standards.

"It builds on the success of the Decent Homes programme but goes further in the way it prioritises improvement works which means all necessary works are carried out at the same time."

"This will help improve the standard of our housing and the quality of life for tenants."

"It will also mean valuable savings in energy bills, at a time when electricity and gas costs have never been higher."

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Eltham veteran represents royal borough at Normandy commemoration

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POIGNANT MOMENT:
D-Day veteran
George Dangerfield
lays a wreath
on behalf of the
Royal Borough of
Greenwich

IT was an emotional return to the Normandy beaches for World War II veteran George Dangerfield from New Eltham.

He laid a wreath at the Bayeux War Cemetery on behalf of the royal borough, when he took part in the commemorations to mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day – the biggest military invasion the world has ever seen, which turned the tide of the war.

George was just 18, after joining the Royal Navy as a volunteer boy sailor a year earlier. His job was as a sick bay attendant after training with the St John Ambulance. He said: “On D-Day, June 6 1944, I was on a 3,500-ton landing ship carrying the Second Canadian Armoured Brigade, with tanks and armaments. We landed at Juno beach at 7.30am, the fourth ship to land a contingent of Canadian troops. We did return trips over four days, but disaster struck when the anchor fouled three of the ship’s steel plates, and we had to come into Poplar Docks for repairs, stern first.”

George, now 88, is a member of the Normandy Veterans Association and has made a total of seven return visits to the wartime

by Dick Townsend-Smith

beaches. He said: “It’s very emotional going back. It makes me cry a lot. On D-Day we had 200 Canadians on board, and less than 100 made it ashore on Juno beach. I had got to know several of them personally, but there wasn’t enough time to make friends. I was only 18, which is very young to do what I had to do.”

George was sponsored by the council to take part in year’s commemorations. He went with his wife Patricia, and visited three war grave cemeteries, including Bayeux, where he laid a wreath with the royal borough’s crest on behalf of the then Mayor, Cllr Angela Cornforth and the council. He said: “It was a very emotional moment for me to lay the wreath on behalf of Royal Greenwich.”

George spent a total of three years in the Royal Navy, and sailed to Australia to help return prisoners of war, held by the Japanese, back to the Australian mainland. After being demobbed in December 1946, he took various jobs including working as a chauffeur to the chairman of Dan Air before he retired.

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Sign up for wartime blackout anniversary

PEOPLE are being urged to turn out the lights to help commemorate a wartime milestone next month.

The dramatic move will mark a century since one of the darkest days in British history - August 4 1914 - when Britain declared war on Germany. It committed the nation to what would become the First World War and British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey to poignantly remark: “The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime.”

Now, 100 years on, LIGHTS OUT is inviting residents and businesses in Greenwich to turn off their lights from 10pm to 11pm on August

4, leaving on a single light or candle for a shared moment of reflection.

Working closely with the Royal British Legion, LIGHTS OUT is taking place nationally and will be one of the largest events of its kind in the UK. It will also complement the candlelit vigil held at Westminster Abbey on August 4.

Participants are encouraged to register before July 4 so their entry can be included on the website and noted on a national map. The aim is for every building, every war memorial, and every other type of LIGHTS OUT participant and location to be listed.

Sign up for LIGHTS OUT at www.1418now.org.uk/lights-out and follow the link to register.



FOOTBALL fans have been enjoying the chance to watch their teams in the World Cup together, via the big screen in General Gordon Square, Greenwich. Last Wednesday’s crowd for Nigeria against Argentina was typical of the excitement

generated by the tournament, which is taking place in Brazil. The Nigerian fan who came with his nation’s flag to support his team was ultimately left disappointed, after his country lost 3-2 in their final group game to the Argentines.

Oak tree tribute for Hardy

AN OAK tree has been planted in memory of Admiral Hardy in the heart of Maritime Greenwich. The planting of the English Oak on June 17 marked the 180th anniversary of the appointment of Hardy as the governor of Greenwich Hospital in 1834. Vice Admiral Sir Thomas Masterman Hardy the flag captain to Lord Nelson who famously said, "Kiss me, Hardy" as he lay dying. The tree, planted by the Nelson Society, is close to the old hospital mausoleum in the grounds of Devonport House under which Hardy was buried following his

death in 1839. The tree was unveiled by Paul Ganjou, chairman of the Nelson Society. Greenwich Council leader Denise Hyland and the deputy mayor of Lewisham, Alan Smith, joined Richard Upton, CEO of Cathedral Holdings, at the event. Cathedral Hotels is the owner of Devonport House. Richard Upton said: "I am delighted Cathedral has been able to plant the Hardy oak tree near to his burial place. It was a pleasure to welcome the new leader of the Royal Borough of Greenwich and the deputy mayor of Lewisham to

Devonport House. I look forward to there being a closer working relationship between the two neighbouring boroughs." Greenwich and Woolwich MP Nick Raynsford and St Alfeg's vicar, Chris Moody, were also in attendance, along with representatives from the Nelson Society, Greenwich Hospital, the Greenwich Foundation, the Greenwich Society, the 1805 club, Visit Greenwich, SE London Chamber of Commerce and local businesses. The oak was blessed by the Revd Susan Blackall from the Old Royal Naval College chapel.



PARTNERSHIP WORKING: Paul Ganjou with Cllr Denise Hyland and Lewisham's deputy mayor Alan Smith

Bienvenue!

French company launches UK base at Greenwich Peninsula

by Dick Townsend-Smith

A MAJOR French construction company is the latest firm to set up on Greenwich Peninsula.

The move comes as the area grows its reputation as a world-beating centre for technical innovation, which is bringing new jobs and investment into the borough.

Bouygues Energies & Services is a division of Bouygues Construction, a global leader in building, civil works, energy and services which employs 54,000 people in 60 countries.

Its energies and services division provides sustainable solutions in traditional and renewable energy, telecoms, transport, infrastructure, buildings and industry.

The Peninsula is currently undergoing a full-scale regeneration and growth plan, led by the council. It's fast becoming a hub for businesses working in 'smart city' technologies, products and services.

Bouygues is setting up at Digital Enterprise Greenwich, a business base set up by the council two years ago to support the growth of the digital economy and to provide working space for businesses. DEG supports collaboration between innovators, leading technology companies, universities, the council itself, service providers, developers and residents.

Announcing their move Ed Peeke, managing director of Bouygues' Energies and Services division, said: "We recognise the importance of innovation across

our businesses. Our historic centre for innovation has been in France but it makes sense for us to work with innovating companies and clients wherever they are based.

"The UK is a key market for us and is renowned for its innovation and expertise particularly in the area of technology.

"Basing ourselves at Digital Enterprise Greenwich means that we are at the centre of an area of substantial growth and close to some world's most talented technology entrepreneurs.

"We have been impressed by the entrepreneurial approach of Greenwich Council and is own innovation.

"By bringing the different players that shape the future of the city together with technology companies and innovators, they are doing something very special. We want to be part of that."

Greenwich Council leader Cllr Denise Hyland said: "Bouygues coming to Digital Enterprise Greenwich is very good news. We hope it will lead to further investment by the company, and create new opportunities for local businesses and entrepreneurs to collaborate on innovation with them.

"We are championing innovation across the borough, and 'smart city' technologies have a key role to play. It is very gratifying to see the council's commitment paying off by not only helping us develop new approaches but also attracting new businesses to the area, which in turn, will lead to new job opportunities."

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Deadline for clarifications: 7 July 2014
Deadline for Expressions of interest: 8 July 2014
Tender evaluation completed by: 11 July 2014

National strike called for July 10

A NATIONAL strike has been called by public sector union Unison for July 10 over a failure to reach agreement on national pay negotiations. The Royal Borough of Greenwich has put in place a series of measures to minimise the impact it will

have on services for local residents.

● Details of schools and services impacted by the strike action will be posted on the council's website www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk and the Council's Twitter feed @Royal_Greenwich

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Tanzania trip of a lifetime

A GROUP of 16 and 17-year-old girls from Eltham Hill School are in the middle of a trip of a lifetime.

The 21 girls are working with villagers in Tanzania, helping to build a playground, organising activities for children and helping to run a textiles centre. They are working with the Heshima charity, which helps the young African women and children to develop skills.

They are based in a village that serves the Maasai community, who often face discrimination and prejudice and find it difficult to get good jobs.

The charity supports them by offering their children a good start to life and school and giving their mothers training and skills to enable them to make an income and become more independent.

Every student taking part had to raise £1,500 to pay for the trip. They did this through a wide range of different fundraisers.

Kathy Priddle made cakes and sold them to family and friends. She said: "We are due to help paint a village school, but what I'm most looking forward to is seeing the hippos."

Emilia Clarke earned money by mentoring other students at Eltham Hill. She said: "I'm very excited, and I'm hoping to help teach English to the village children."

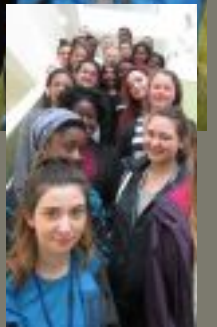
Rhiannon Kelleher-Gomez said: "I earned money by helping Year 9s with their GCSE courses. We are meant to be climbing a mountain while we are away, and I'm a bit nervous about it, because I've never done it before. But what I'm looking forward to most is going on a safari and seeing the lions."

Four members of staff are on the trip with the girls, including headteacher Madeleine Griffin.

A school spokesman said: "The girls are taking part in a real adventure that will challenge and develop them as global citizens in a life changing experience. This opportunity is not



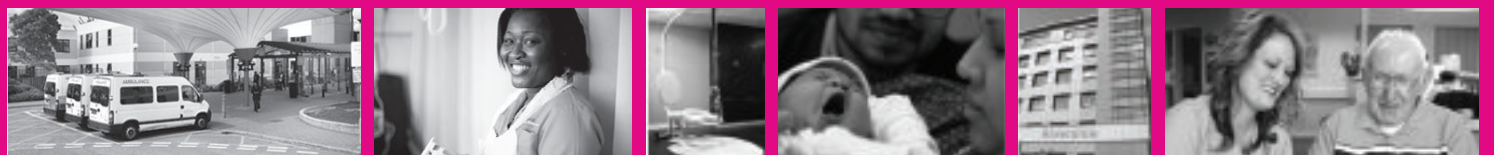
OFF TO AFRICA: Emilia Clarke, Rhiannon Kelleher-Gomez and Kathy Priddle, right, the whole group including teachers



just a great learning experience for them, but they will make a real positive difference to the lives of others."

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'Outstanding all round'

Ofsted inspectors give St Thomas More top marks

by Dick Townsend-Smith

ST Thomas More RC Secondary School has scored full marks after an Ofsted team of inspectors carried out a two-day audit.

The four inspectors rated the school as 'outstanding' for its quality of teaching, the achievements, behaviour and safety of its pupils, and for how it is led and managed.

Ofsted described the school, in Footscray Road, Eltham, as one with really high standards which all students strive to meet.

The inspectors said students are keen to learn, work really hard and feel "absolutely ready for the future" by the time they leave.

The inspectors agreed that students' "outstanding progress" was the result of outstanding teaching by teachers who are "experts in their subjects".

They said the headteacher, staff and governors knew exactly what was needed to improve - and that the result had been a steady rise in standards



SUCCESSFUL AND PREPARED: students Dilusha Perera and Andrew Day enjoy a science lesson

at the school, which educates pupils up to the age of 16. The inspection found that regular, marked assessments helped inform teachers and students about progress and where extra support was needed.

Ofsted said: "Students' behaviour is exemplary, both in lessons and at all other times. They are keen to learn and work really hard. They mature into considerate young adults, well-prepared to cope with the next stage of their education and

their future lives.

"The promotion of students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding. Religious education lessons and retreats extend their awareness of different faiths. Students enjoy the numerous trips, visits and additional activities that widen their horizons and understanding of different cultures."

The inspectors said: "Knowing their students extremely well, teachers use very effective

ways to help them learn, such as devising seating plans so students help each other to learn.

"Feeling privileged to attend the school, students quickly absorb its very high standards of behaviour and work. They take pride in dressing smartly in their uniform.

"They join in all the school has to offer enthusiastically. Students' high attendance, punctuality, self-motivation, concentration and hard work contribute to their outstanding learning."

Headteacher Markus Ryan said: "The whole school community is delighted at the outcome of the inspection.

"We have supportive and dedicated staff and governors. The students do work really hard and I am pleased that this has been recognised."

Cllr John Fahy, the royal borough's deputy leader and cabinet member for children's services, said: "This is an excellent report for St Thomas More and the staff, pupils and governors should be congratulated for their impressive work and achievements."

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'Keep moving to stay young'

Dance teacher reveals secret as he turns 80

by Simon Banks

POPULAR dance teacher Trevor Jackson has hailed dancing as his secret to keeping fit as he celebrated his 80th birthday.

Trevor has been teaching Londoners to dance for the best part of 30 years, 25 of them the West Greenwich Community Centre where he teaches a disciplines such as Latin, ballroom and salsa.

He said: "I believe you need to keep moving to stay young. I try to sit down as little as possible.

"Dancing, to me, is a love of people and sharing. I like to see people sharing what they have got and joining in together with a smile on their faces.

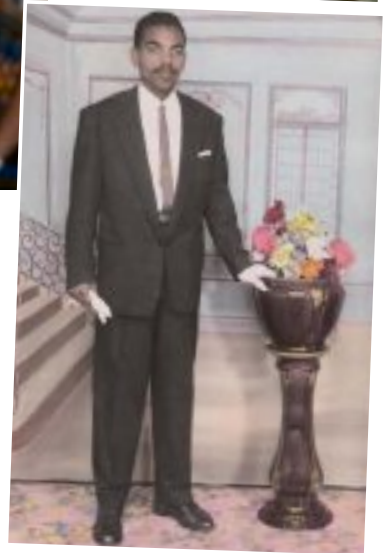
"What keeps me going is seeing the satisfaction and gratitude from my pupils and feeling stress free when I dance. I still enjoy it. It keeps me fit and I don't want to stop."

His favourite dance, he added, was the jive. He said: "What I really like about it is the music - it makes me want to hop and skip. I also love to teach dances like the quickstep and Latin dancing because it is a lot of fun and enjoying yourself is the most important thing."

The smooth-mover arrived in the UK from Jamaica in 1955 aged 20. He fell in love with dance after listening to records and watching shows on television. He trained seven days a week in South



DANCE WITH ME: Teacher Trevor Jackson with pupil Ugne Palubinskaite, right, with Anita Sokhal and below pictured in his youth



London under Peggy Spencer, a leading coach and regular TV dance commentator who became an MBE and president of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing.

She was so impressed with his ability, she employed him as a teacher.

Trevor said: "My teacher believed I could have been a champion dancer. I won awards and recognition and 40 years ago I became a qualified dance teacher."

He later opened his own dance schools in Crystal Palace and Brixton. "One of my proudest achievements was to find out that some of my pupils had become professional dancers, dancing abroad and even teaching dance," he said.

The centre celebrated Trevor's birthday

and 25 years there by throwing him a party where Anita Sokhal publicly thanked him, saying: "We like to think that you will continue to teach until you are 100 years old."

Rose Powell, from Greenwich, told GT: "Trevor is calm and patient and has wonderful catchy sayings that stick with you and help you to remember steps."

Mary Kirk, one of Trevor's salsa pupils for three years, said: "People come because of Trevor and his personality, choice of music and expertise. The classes are sociable and fun."

● Trevor's salsa classes are on Thursdays at 7.30pm. Visit www.greenwichwest.org.uk or phone 020 8333 0086.

Residents' joy at Twinkle Park state-of-the-art play facilities

RESIDENTS are celebrating the completion of a masterplan to transform a derelict playground into state-of-the-art play facilities for children.

Twinkle Park Trust were due to commemorate 21 years of community achievement and finishing improvements to Charlotte Turner Gardens, on Sunday, after GT went to press.

A plaque was due to be unveiled in memory of two trust members - Jim Murray (chairman 1999-2012) and Richard MacVicar (director 2002-2013).

The event opened Twinkle Park's 2014 Summerfest, with performances by DJ Stormy, the reggae supremo; Heart of Soul steel pans and Havanna Good Time, salsa band.

Twinkle Park came about when a resident in neighbouring Rowley House, Watergate Street, approached Greenwich Mural Workshop in the early 1990s to help them restore a derelict playground into state-of-art play facilities.

After three years of consultation with local people, schools, Deptford adventure playground, the council officers and local professionals, the Twinkle Park & Charlotte Turner Gardens masterplan was completed and fundraising started.



PLAY AREA: children enjoy the state-of-the-art facilities at last year's Summerfest

In 1996 Ireland Albrecht Landscape Architects were appointed. In 1999, Nick Raynsford, MP opened the first stage - Twinkle Park. In that year, the trust was set up and the park and gardens were leased for 30 years from the borough council.

Since then, Twinkle Park has received the Green Flag Community Pennant annually and, more recently, the Green Flag Community Award.

Charlotte Turner Gardens have been refurbished in four stages and in total more than £1.25 million has been brought into the borough by

Greenwich Mural Workshop on behalf of the trust.

Veolia have funded the state-of-art toddlers play area sporting a Viking longship play deck facing a sea monster - sculpted by Greenwich sculptor Richard Lawrence.

Other leisure facilities include a petanque court, table tennis table, central casual play area and a fitness trail.

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Stepping out to learn

GENERAL Gordon Square in Woolwich was the venue for dancing displays by local people with learning difficulties.

The event marked the start of national Learning Disability Week, and featured information tents, dance and exercise demonstrations. Organisations represented included the council, the Oxleas NHS Trust and partner organisations, all coming together to promote awareness of the contributions by local people with learning disabilities and to help people understand what it means to have a learning disability. The key message was - people with learning disabilities live, work, vote, marry, study and bring endless talents to local communities.

Passers-by walking through the town centre took the opportunity to find out more about people with learning disabilities.



TAKE YOUR PARTNERS: a dance display helped to draw attention to Learning Disability Week

Abuse awareness leaflet launch

LOCAL care organisations, health agencies, the council and others involved in the Greenwich Safeguarding Adults Multi Agency Group, have teamed up to launch a leaflet campaign.

The Stop Abuse leaflet campaign is designed to raise awareness about the safety of vulnerable adults in Greenwich.

The outgoing Mayor Cllr Angela Cornforth helped launch the campaign on June 13 in General Gordon Square, Woolwich, which coincided with World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

An adult at risk is anyone over the age of 18 years, who is unable to protect themselves from any kind of harm or injury due to their age, illness or disability - for example, older people, people with visual disabilities, learning disabilities or mental health problems. If you suspect someone is being abused you can contact the royal borough's Safeguarding Adults Team on 020 8921 2304. In an emergency, always call 999.

● For a copy of the Stop Abuse leaflet, email adultprotection@royalgreenwich.gov.uk



SPREADING THE MESSAGE: Cllr Angela Cornforth and reps from the Safeguarding Adults Multi Agency Group at the campaign launch



BRAIN BOOST: senior care worker Lorna Edwards with Elizabeth Hooper, right, Winnie Gieruta enjoys a musical activity at the Ashgreen home during the awareness day

Dealing with dementia

AN afternoon of music and fun was held at Ashgreen House care home in Sandbach Place, Woolwich, when families and friends were invited along to a dementia-awareness tea party to find out more about dealing with the condition.

Visitors were shown around the new sensory garden, funded by the council, which has brightly-coloured flowers, herbs with sweet

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Caring for our carers

PEOPLE who look after an adult living with a long-term illness, disability or age-related frailty, are encouraged to get a carer's assessment.

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This payment is not means tested and does not impact on benefits, pensions or taxes.

Peter Waller is a full-time carer who has spent the last 11 years caring for his aunt.

Before that he spent time looking after his father, who had dementia and was also diagnosed with lung-cancer.

He told GT about his role as a carer: "It's what I'd describe as a yo-yo routine. Every day it's lunch and dinner then there are certain days for shopping, medical stuff and hairdressing.

"I did this on my own for a long time - I wasn't a recognised carer with my aunt until 2011.



"Now I work with district nurses and they visit a couple of times a week.

"I thought for a long time that I could do it on my own, but caring full time obviously impacts on your strength and energy so I eventually got involved with what Greenwich Council had to offer.

Peter enrolled on a six-week Carer's 'Looking After Me' course run by the council's Public Health & Wellbeing team. He explained: "It was a really positive experience and I tried to learn something every week. The people who ran it

had a really good manner and reached out to a wide range of people who were attending."

Cllr David Gardner, the royal borough's cabinet member for health and social care said: "Greenwich Council is committed to ensuring that all carers get the right support in their caring role, so that they have the same life chances as other people. This includes good health, financial security, the right to a family life and opportunities to work and pursue their own interests.

I encourage residents who provide support for an adult,

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FROM November a new venue for Greenwich Carers' Centre will be open at the Stables next to Charlton House. Carers will be able to drop in for advice, support and information about support services, including access to spa treatments and activities. Those being cared for will also be able to use the facilities. A brochure will soon be available and if you would like further info email info@greenwichcarerscentre.org or call 0300 555 1515

whether it's a member of their family or a friend, to get a carer's assessment and find out how they can be supported."

● **If you look after an adult and would like to arrange your assessment phone 020 8921 2304. For general advice call the Greenwich Carers' Advice Line on 0300 555 1515. For more information on support for carers offered by the royal borough, please visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/carers**

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Royal Greenwich hosts a Great Get Together and one of t

THOUSANDS of people went along to the Royal Artillery Barracks in Woolwich on Saturday to enjoy the fun and thrills of the Armed Forces Day celebrations together with the borough's Great Get Together.

Royal Greenwich traditionally hosts one of the biggest Armed Forces Day events in the country. And this year it did not disappoint. There were impressive military displays, with horses from The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, and the Band of the Scots Guards.

This year's centenary of the Great War was commemorated with the BBC's World War One at Home tour, featuring hands-on activities and interviews to bring the conflict to life for today's generation.

The giant arena featured stunt motorcycles, Britain's Got Talent finalists Loveable Rogues, a parade by armed services veterans, and dog and falconry displays.

Other attractions at the free event included vintage military vehicles, farmyard animals, giant inflatables, fairground rides, and food and craft stalls. There was also live music and taster sessions for different sports.

Veteran Donald Hunt, aged 95 from Woolwich was awarded for his work in the community by being named Veteran of the Year 2014.

He said: "I felt very shocked at first but now I am feeling quite humbled, people have been saying very nice things to me. It is my life that I am being rewarded for - I have really enjoyed what I have been doing at the church and what I did in hospitals, so it is overwhelming to be rewarded for it like this."

Tina Raven, a mother-of-two from Woolwich Arsenal said: "Our children go to the nursery in the Army Barracks so we came along to have a look and support the parade. It's important to come together like this. Our community is so lucky to have the Arsenal on our doorstep - when I take the kids to nursery in the mornings we see the horses go around Woolwich and it is something to be proud of. The BBC Homes arena was really nice, I think it gives you a chance to learn something new and take something away with you, the kids have had fun so far too."

Craig Burrows who came with Mandy Smith, also spoke about the importance of Armed Forces Day and said: "It's fantastic, it teaches people respect, especially youngsters who can come here and take the chance to pay respects to people who secured them a future today. There is a lot to do here for people of all ages which is great, we have particularly enjoyed the WWI attractions."

Twelve-year-old Kaci Ali visited the Firepower trench and said: "Me and my mum thought it was really interesting, we would like to go to the Firepower museum now. At school we learn a lot about WWI and WWII especially in English and History. I knew about 'No Mans Land' but I didn't know they had more than one trench or what it was like inside one, so that was interesting."

Jama Entisar, aged 15, from the 56 Woolwich Squadron Air Training Corps played a tenor drum with a band during the day. She said: "It has been really fun today. I have been with my friends in the ATC (Air Training Corps) playing the drum and it has been nice to see so many people here too because it is really important."

A great day



THRILL A MINUTE: there was something for everyone including Irish dancing, Meccano models, animals from Woodlands Farm, a display of vintage motorcycles and stage performances



RANK AND FILE: Mayor Mick Hayes leads the flag flying at Woolwich Town Hall

Flying the flag for AFD

A POIGNANT flag-raising ceremony was held at the front of Woolwich Town Hall last Monday (July 23) to herald Saturday's Armed Forces Day celebrations.

The Union Flag was raised by a serving soldier, watched by locally-based service personnel including the Woolwich Station Commander, Lt Col Bob Christopher, and his second-in-command, Maj Gerry Porter.

Along with civic leaders, who included the Mayor of Royal

Greenwich, Cllr Mick Hayes, the event was attended by veterans from each of the borough's Royal British Legion branches of Eltham and Well Hall, Thamesmead and Abbey Wood, and Charlton and Blackheath. Also present were members of the Royal Naval Association and the Royal Air Force Association, and veterans from the Royal Navy and the Royal Engineers.

Similar ceremonies were held at the same time of 10.30am by local authorities throughout the country.



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WE SALUTE YOU: the veterans' march was a highlight of the day, right, creative types make decorations in the craft marquee



DISCUSSION POINTS: Larry Lamb and Kate Adie in the BBC WWI at Home roadshow where visitors also learnt about Frontline medicine



ENTRENCHED SUPPORT: visitors flock to a replica of a WWI trench and learn what life was like in the trenches from historical re-enactors



VETERAN OF THE YEAR: Donald Hunt, 95, from Woolwich receives his award from Mayor Mick Hayes, and (far left) Mark Francios, Minister of the Armed Forces, above, the Band of the Scots Guards entertain the crowds after the presentations

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As the three were flying on a group ticket, their trip was cancelled.

I was very, very disappointed," said Ted. "It was a terrible thing to have happened. The four of us were always together when we were in the RAF and working as a crash rescue team.

"I was really looking forward to us having a big binge together." One of the group had already said it was likely to be the last time they would all meet up. Ted added: "I am staying in touch with them by email, which I do a lot of the time."

Ted joined the RAF as a boy entrant in 1958 to become an aircraft engineer. He

had been earning a living as a chippie and wanted to get away from working with wood. But the first thing the RAF did was put him working on Mosquito aircraft – which were made of wood.

He then saw service in the Middle East, including Aden. He left the RAF in 1968 after suffering serious illness.

Ted took part in Saturday's parade wearing his RAF blue beret and black blazer, and his medals.

He also wore the medals earned by his father, also called Edward, who was in the Royal Artillery at Woolwich, and took part in the Eighth Army's campaign at Monte Casino.

Ted was watched by his wife Joan, and

his six children, who came along from all over the country.

He said: "I have taken part in the parade for the last three years, and it's important that it takes place.

"For me it's all about the public supporting our service people and showing their appreciation for what happened in the past. When they start cheering and clapping it really gives you a boost, because a lot of us are unsteady on our feet now.

"You have to remember that many of us were very young when we joined up – some just fifteen-and-a-half. I always try to remember the good times, and not think about the bad ones."

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FESTIVALS



GREENWICH pupils will be making their way to Greenwich park with a hop, skip and a jump for a special dance extravaganza next week.

Youngsters from Heronsgate primary school and St Matthew Academy are being joined by students from Crown Woods college and young people from the Clockhouse community centre and Woolwich YMCA. They're taking part in the Through&Out: Skipping extravaganza in Greenwich Park at 11.30am and 2.30pm on Friday July 12.

Hundreds are expected to take part in the free outdoor dance and skipping event which is part of Big Dance 2014 - a national celebration of participatory dance.

Dance events are being organised at a local level by 16 major dance organisations including Greenwich Dance. The skipping extravaganza is supported by Greenwich Council and forms part of the Royal Greenwich Festivals programme of summer music and entertainment events.

Devised by choreographer Jorge Crecis, Through & Out is a cross between dance and good old fashioned rope skipping that paves the way for a new choreographic game for all: dancers, non-dancers, kids, adults and on lookers.

Hundreds of dance-skippers, including professional dance artistes and the local community cast will come together for an epic performance.

Audiences will all be taken into the heart of the action with an audio soundtrack on headphones which can be downloaded on to mobile phones or MP3 players in advance. Greenwich Dance artistic director Kat Bridge said "We're excited to be working with inventive choreographer Jorge Crecis, bringing his playful crossover of dance and rope-skipping for everyone to try. The fantastic team of dance artistes are working with groups at schools, community centres and youth dance groups around Greenwich and beyond, and there is still plenty time to get involved – just get in touch with us if you'd like to take part, or come down to the park and watch it on the day!" There is an open rehearsal group at Greenwich Dance on Sundays that anyone can join.

For more information on how to take part visit www.greenwichdance.org.uk or call Greenwich Dance on 020 8293 9741.



MORE than 200 people went to cast their eye on the work of young photographers at the launch of a new exhibition at Greenwich

Heritage Centre.

The Piece by Piece exhibition opened at the Heritage Centre last month and runs until July 26.

The free display examines the family photograph as a mirror of history and cultural identity.

Young people, in particular young parents, were able to connect and piece together findings from the past to inform how they capture their own family heritage in a modern digital age. Unlocking family stories through photographs, artefacts and personal memories, the exhibition considers how photography has been used to document the family unit through the years and how objects, places and other forms of heritage connect people to their past and communities.

The multi media showcase of more than 70 photographs, oral history recordings, project film and a photo memory tree is the culmination of the 14-month Piece by Piece project that has enabled young people to undertake a range of activities, learn new skills, visit archives and museums, gain accredited training and bring together their findings through the production of a unique collection of family history puzzles to be shared with future generations.

The project has worked directly with over 30 young people who got involved through links with local community centres, youth organisations, children's centres as well as Greenwich University with four students volunteering over the past year.

A further 500 people have engaged with the project through exhibitions and events held with the support of Greenwich Heritage Centre along with extended reach to over 2000 people through social media and through online photo galleries.

Supported by the Heritage Lottery fund the project was run by Eye4Change, a Greenwich based social enterprise which uses the camera

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ELTHAM AND CHARLTON

Prostate cancer support groups, held on Mondays in Eltham (Resource Centre, Sherard Road 2-4pm) and Tuesdays in Charlton (Valley Central 2-4pm) by Age UK Bromley and Greenwich working in partnership with the charity. For more information call Yvonne Conway on 0208 315 1850 or email yconway@ageukbandg.org.uk

GREENWICH

St Alfege summer fete, July 5, 2-4pm, Church green in aid of St Monica's school, Zanzibar and St Alfege with St Peter's school, Greenwich
 Recitals and concerts: July 3 - 1.05pm - Trinity Laban; July 5 - 7.30pm - Kantanti Ensemble; July 6 - 6pm - Steinberg Duo and pupils; July 10 - 1.05pm - Royal Greenwich Brass Band; www.st-alfege.org.uk

CHARLTON HOUSE

July 4- An-ting Chang - piano
 July 11 - Charlton House Concert Society
 July 18 - Chamber music from Guildhall
 July 25 - Viola and piano
 The Horn Fayre community festival, Charlton House, Saturday July 27, 11am to 4pm www.charlton-house.org

Young photographers explore their family histories to unravel...

Puzzles of the past



as a tool to engage, educate and empower, working in partnership with Greenwich Heritage Centre. Project leader Xenia Demetriou said: "The exhibition considers how photography has been used to document the family unit through the years, and how

objects, places and forms of heritage connect people to their past and communities." *Piece by Piece is in the Berkeley Gallery at Greenwich Heritage Centre, Tues-Sat 9am-5pm until July 26. For further information visit www.eyechange.co.uk*

PAST AND PRESENT: a bespoke collection of wooden puzzles that can be shared, right, project leader Xenia Demetriou with a camera cake presented by project students



More opera on the big screen

THE second in a series of opera screenings takes place on the big screen in General Gordon Square, Woolwich, on July 15. The story of a struggling poet who meets a beautiful, fragile young woman is the storyline of an emotional production of *La Bohème* by the Royal Opera. The opera screening starts at 7.30pm and will be shown on other big screens around the country. A screening of *Rigoletto* is planned for 7.30pm on September 17. More information at www.roh.org.uk/bpbigscreens

East:West concert

A YEAR-long schools orchestral project culminates in a gala concert on Thursday (July 3) at Shooters Hill Post-16 Campus. The royal borough's music hub helped set up the East:West band after a visit from the world famous Bollywood Brass Band. Since then, primary and secondary school pupils in the royal borough and Lewisham have been rehearsing instruments from flutes and saxophones to trumpets and drums. The project received funding from the Mayor of London's Fund for Young Musicians. The concert is in the drama hall, at 7pm. Tickets (£6, £3 cons) are available at www.eastwestgala.eventbrite.co.uk ● For more information about Greenwich music hub activities email music-hub@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/musichub

WHAT'S ON

ELTHAM PALACE

Awesome Archaeology, July 27-29, 10am-5pm - become a daring archaeologist on a mini dig for the day. Price (includes entry to Palace & Gardens): Adult £10.20 / Child £6.10 / Concession £9.20 / Family £26.50 / Members: Free. An additional £1 will be charged on standard admission for every child, member and non member, to help us fund this entertainment activity. www.english-heritage.org.uk/eltham

GREENWICH HERITAGE CENTRE

Until July 26 - photographic exhibition by the Piece by Piece project run by Eye4Change, featuring images, artefacts and personal memories which unlock family stories. Visit www.eyechange.co.uk

BLACKHEATH HALLS

Handel's Belshazzar, Great Hall, Blackheath Halls. July 2-5, 7.30pm-10pm. Trinity Laban Opera performs one of Handel's most exciting, colourful and, rarely staged, works, featuring a student cast of emerging talent. Tickets £15/£12. www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/ 020 8305 9300

ELTHAM

Eltham Arts presents a programme of musical performances on Saturdays from July 19-August 9 featuring established and emerging musicians in Passey Place (in the Eltham Centre if bad weather). Details at www.elthamse9.co.uk July 19 - Carousel Club 10.30-11.30am; Brothers in Swing 12.30-2.30pm; Pytchwood 3.30-4.30pm

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Free bike check and tune up by Dr Bike. Cyclists can receive the help they need to get their bike fit for the road this summer via a service provided by the council. Abbey Wood Station, Wednesday July 2 4-7pm; General Gordon Square, Woolwich Saturday July 5 and Sunday July 6 noon-5pm. Free. www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/drbike

GREENWICH

Meet the creator of the amazing interior of the Painted Hall, Sir James Thornhill, at the Old Royal Naval College, King William Walk. Saturday July 12, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm. Free. www.ornc.org/



PARKSFEST

WELL Hall Pleasaunce will see the latest in its series of Summer Sunday Music events on Sunday (July 6) from 2-4pm. It will be the next event in the calendar for this year's Royal Greenwich ParksFest, now under way and which runs until the beginning of August. It is the sixth year of the festival, which brings people together and makes communities both enjoy and feel proud of the stunning open spaces on their doorstep. The event is funded by the royal borough and part of the Royal Greenwich Festivals summer programme. It's organised through the Greenwich Parks Forum, with individual events run by

Friends of the Parks groups.

Forthcoming events are: Sunday, July 13: Concert in the Park, Eltham Park South, 3-4.30pm; Children's Fantasia, The Tarn, 2-4pm. Sunday, July 20: Party in the Park, Eltham Park South, 1-6pm. Saturday, July 26: Free Family Fun Day, Avery Hill, noon-4pm. Sunday, July 27: Song and Dance in The Tarn, 2-4pm; Plumstead Live! 2014, Plumstead Common, 3-8pm; Summer Sunday Music, Well Hall Pleasaunce, 3-4.30pm. Sunday, August 3: The Horn Fair, Hornfair Park, noon-5pm.

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How do I apply?

1

Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application on line at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk

2

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3

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Apply in one of three ways

- Text bidding is now available and the number to use is 07786207913. For further information please see page 2, or
- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on **Wednesday 9 July 2014 at midday**. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 6 July 2014**.

24-hour hotline

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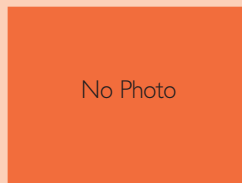
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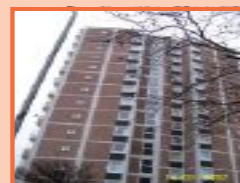
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- Make sure your garden is not overgrown and you have cleared all garden waste.
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Alford House Barnfield Road SE18 3UE	1	FLAT	499	07/02/2006	B
Henwick Road SE9 6NZ	1	FLAT	613	11/04/2012	B
Watergate Street SE8 3HW	2	PARLOUR HSE	401	02/09/2003	C
Thornham Street SE10 9SA	2	FLAT	295	01/11/1999	A
Lenthorp Road SE10 0HS	1	FLAT	604	25/04/2005	A
Humber Road SE3 7LR	2	FLAT	675	21/11/1994	A
Rideout Street SE18 5HF	3	HOUSE	701	21/12/2012	B
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St Mary's clinch borough swimming title

ST MARY'S Church of England Primary School, Eltham, took the overall title at the borough swimming gala finals, held at the Eltham Leisure Centre.

Gordon primary, in Greenwich, put in another strong performance this year to finish in second place – just six points behind St Mary's.

Meridian, from Greenwich, came third but won the small schools title, for schools with only one form entry, for the second year running.

In that section, Brooklands (Blackheath) were second and Invicta (Greenwich) third.

A public gallery packed with more than 200 people cheered on swimmers from all 17 schools which had made the finals after qualifying



SMALL SCHOOL WINNERS: Meridian celebrate

events in May.

The pick of the performers in the girls section was Lulu Penicott-Banks of Meridian who took three

golds, and, for the boys, Jamaal Francis of Lady of Grace who won two golds.

In the relays at the end of the evening, Meridian won the boys and girls medleys, with St Mary's winning the girls' freestyle relay, and Gordon the boys' equivalent.

St Mary's also won the overall girls section, while Gordon lifted the boys' title.

The event was hosted by Greenwich Leisure Limited, the council's leisure services partner, with volunteer helpers and swimmers from Greenwich Royals Swimming Club.

The trophies were presented by the royal borough's deputy mayor, Cllr Norman Adams.



CHAMPIONS: St Mary's Church of England Primary School are presented with their trophy by deputy mayor, Cllr Norman Adams

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Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 01/07/2014

Mike Hows - Chief Planning Officer

Publicity For Planning Applications

Applicant: Tarnwood Park Residents Society	Applicant: Mr & Mrs Currie	14/1560/F
7 WOODMERE, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 5NT	2 ADMIRAL SEYMOUR ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 1SL	
Development: Installation of a first floor side window.	Development: Construction of a rear conservatory.	
Library: Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2NA	Library: Eltham Library, 2 Anchery Road SE9 1HA	
Conservation Area: ELTHAM PRIDE	Conservation Area: PROGRESS ESTATE	
Applicant: Mr Johnston	Applicant: Mr Odiell G & O Rents Ltd	14/1571/F
548 FOYLE ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7RH	FARDALE COURT, 1-3 MASTER GUNNER PLACE, WOOLWICH, SE18	
Development: Loft conversion comprising installation of rear dormer window with Juliet balcony and 2 front rooflights.	Development: Extension of the existing third and fourth floors to form 6 x 1-bed flats and 4 x studio flats, with the additional conversion of part of an existing outbuilding into a bicycle store.	
Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT	Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT	
Conservation Area: WESTCORRE PARK	Conservation Area: WOOLWICH COMMON	
Applicant: Mr Patel International Properties	Applicant: Mr John Foy	14/1610/F
FLAT 8, BENYAMIN HOUSE, 19 GREENWICH HIGH ROAD, GREENWICH	LAND ADJACENT TO KINGS ARMS, 16 KING WILLIAM WALK, GREENWICH, SE10	
Development: Retrospective application to change the communal roof terrace to a private roof terrace as amendment to planning permission dated 18/12/12 ref 12/1162/F.	Development: Change of use for Sale of Ice Cream, Cold Food and Cold Drinks including Seating Area (A1/A3).	
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
Conservation Area: ASHBURNHAM TRIANGLE	Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	
Applicant: Mr Nasr	Applicant: Keepmeat	14/1642/F
79 COURT ROAD, ELTHAM, LONDON, SE9 5AG	14 ASHBURNHAM GROVE, GREENWICH, SE10 8UH	
Development: Widening of part of part 2-storey rear extension and slight modification of the roof as amendment to planning permission dated 11/07/13 ref 13/0751/F.	Development: Installation of replacement timber windows and doors.	
Library: Eltham Library, Eltham High Street SE9 2NA	Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
Conservation Area: ELTHAM PRIDE	Conservation Area: ASHBURNHAM TRIANGLE	
Applicant: Mr Campbell	Applicant: Mr Stern	14/1643/F
33 ROAN STREET, GREENWICH, SE10 9JY	24 ASHBURNHAM GROVE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8UH	
Development: Construction of a single storey rear extension and conversion of garage into habitable room.	Development: Installation of replacement timber windows and doors.	
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	Conservation Area: ASHBURNHAM TRIANGLE	
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Davies	Applicant: Mr Stern	14/1644/F
121 KING GEORGE STREET, GREENWICH, SE10 8PX	32 ASHBURNHAM GROVE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8UL	
Development: Construction of single storey extension to house.	Development: Installation of replacement timber windows and doors.	
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	Conservation Area: ASHBURNHAM TRIANGLE	
Applicant: Mr C Wickham	Applicant: Mrs E Jayne Akinsuyl	14/1679/F
27 RANDALL PLACE, GREENWICH, SE10 9LA	2 MEREWORTH DRIVE, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 3EE	
Development: Construction of a single storey rear extension.	Development: Replacement of existing front door with new front door.	
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT	
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	Conservation Area: SHREWSBURY PARK ESTATE	
Applicant: Mr Johnston	Applicant: Crossrail	14/1687/G
84 VANBRUGH PARK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7AJ	CROSSRAIL - WOOLWICH STATION	
Development: Construction of extension at basement level with conservatory over and single storey extension forming access to basement and ground floor.	Development: Construction arrangements.	
Library: Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT	Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT	
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH	Conservation Area: ROYAL ARSENAL WOODWICH	
Applicant: Mr J Palmer	Publicity for Listed Building Consent	
9 CATHERINE GROVE, GREENWICH, SE10 8BS	Applicant: Youngs and Co Brewery PLC	14/1543/L
Development: Construction of a single storey rear extension.	RICHARD I, 52-54 ROYAL HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8RT	
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	Development: Installation of replacement boarded signage.	
Conservation Area: ASHBURNHAM TRIANGLE	Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
Applicant: Mrs Turner	Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	
11 GEORGETTE PLACE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8QA	Used Building: Grade 2	
Development: Installation of 3 replacement windows on front elevation.	Publicity For Advertisements	
Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	Applicant: Tesco Stores Ltd	14/1196/A
Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	TESCO EXPRESS, BUILDING 10, DUKE OF WELLINGTON AVENUE, WOOLWICH, SE18	
Applicant: Mr Gillard	Development: Application for Advertisement Consent for the installation of an externally illuminated replacement projecting sign, non-illuminated replacement A1M graphic panel and two signs located behind the existing glazed shop front (one illuminated and one non-illuminated).	
GALLIONS MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL, PURRETT ROAD, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 1JR	Library: Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT	
Development: Construction of out building to provide playground toilet.	Conservation Area: ROYAL ARSENAL WOODWICH	
Library: Plumstead Library, Plumstead High Street SE18 1JL	Applicant: Youngs and Co Brewery PLC	14/1544/A
Conservation Area: adjacent to Plumstead Common	RICHARD I, 52-54 ROYAL HILL, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8RT	
	Development: Installation of replacement boarded signage.	
	Library: West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN	
	Conservation Area: WEST GREENWICH	



Divine leads 11 Harriers to nationals



DIVINE Oladipo is aiming to do better than last year at the English Schools Championships on July 10 and 11, having begun to blossom as a thrower.

The St Ursula's School pupil was fourth in the U15 shot putt category last year.

But even though she has now gone up to U17 level - and is competing against teenagers a year older - she has shot to the top of the UK rankings.

The 15-year-old trains at Sutcliffe Park under John Hillier and Peter Wishart with Cambridge Harriers.

She is one of 11 from the athletics club to be travelling to Birmingham for the championships.

"I like all the throwing events but shot putt is my favourite," she said.

"Last year I came fourth at English Schools and I was just hoping to improve from there. I am hoping to win this time but most important I want to improve from last year."

A year ago, Divine was also sprinting regularly, having started athletics in 2012. "I was doing shot putt for my school in competitions and they pushed me to Cambridge Harriers and so I started doing it regularly," she explained.

She had a similar route to finding Greenwich Starting Blocks, the charity which helps more than 50 athletes -



PODIUM FINISH: Divine Oladipo after the Kent Championships

junior and senior - as they try to reach their potential in their sport.

"I found out from other people who had help from Starting Blocks last year and I applied for it this year and I got a student award," she said. Divine receives free gym membership and also bursaries which help pay for training and equipment.

Divine won the U17 shot putt at the Kent County Championships in May at Ashford, throwing the 3kg shot 14.66

metres, a personal best, championship record and ranking her number one in the UK.

She also won the discus with a PB 41.14 metres and, having improved that to 41.38, sits fourth in the UK at the age group.

At the national championships, Divine will represent London Schools, while some from the club will represent Kent and even Sussex schools, depending on where they are educated.

"We're just hoping that everyone does their best," said Divine of the small club's success in producing so many athletes.

Fellow St Ursula's pupil Godgift Nnadozie will compete in the U15 shot.

Three others are supported by Starting Blocks. Blackheath's cross country star Sabrina Sinha is running the U17 1,500m (Bromley High School, Kent). Vera Chinedu St Matthew Academy, Blackheath, will run the 100m in the U15 section. Long jumper Tobi Ogunjimi will compete in the U15 section.

Twins Alfie (800m) and Noah (1500m) Armitage Hookes will compete in the U15 section with Bamiyo Oladipupo (triple jump).

Adam Wright takes on the 3000m in the U19s section.

Completing the Cambridge Harriers lineup will be Danielle Blake (U17 boys 200m) and Shekinah George-Lawal (U17 girls 100m).

LET IT FLY: Divine Oladipo has been in great form this season

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Olivia aims for Euro glory

Starting Blocks teen following in footsteps of Olympic judo silver medallist Gibbons

by Ian Lamont

JUDO competitor Olivia Piechota is fast following in the footsteps of the royal borough's Olympic silver medallist Gemma Gibbons.

She has been selected for the Cadet European Championships in Athens as part of the Great Britain team, fresh from helping the borough's girls team to reclaim gold at the Balfour Beatty London Youth Games.

Like Gemma, Olivia started at an early age and now trains six days a week in pursuit of international glory.

And, like Gemma, she has been supported by Greenwich Starting Blocks, the charity which helps athletes in the royal borough as they try to fulfil their potential.

"They've helped me fund some of my international competitions this year," explained Olivia, who has just finished her GCSE exams at St Thomas More School, Eltham.

"You get ranking points towards the European Championships when you go to European cup events and you get taken to two as part of the squad.

"I was injured for one and for any more you have to self-fund, which I did when I went to Croatia.

"If I hadn't gone to Croatia I wouldn't be in the top eight at the Europeans," added



HIGH FLYER: Olivia Piechota floors an opponent in a recent contest and (left) helped the borough's girls team to the London Youth Games title



Olivia, who is the eighth seed.

"I will be up against the same players who have been at the European competitions, but I haven't fought all of them."

In Croatia, the U40kg fighter took bronze and also silver in another European Cup event in Romania.

The teenager, top ranked in Britain for her age-group, has been at the same national squad training sessions as Gemma and is inspired by the trail she has blazed from the borough to the Olympic podium.

She said: "It has helped a lot just knowing that Gemma comes from here and has shown what is achievable."

Olivia began judo as "just an activity after school" adding: "I started really enjoying it and entering competitions and winning quite a few of them."

Now she trains six days a week and has achieved brown belt standard - one below black belt.

London Youth Games team manager

Mick Murphy said teams down the years have been inspired by Gemma,

whom he used to coach. On June 21, at the National Sports Centre Crystal Palace, this year's team reclaimed the title won by the borough in 2012.

Mick said: "We won before when Gemma Gibbons was in the team and she has inspired a lot of the youngsters. She's been down and seen them and we are her borough, so we are always trying to win for her.

"I was very pleased, they worked very hard. It was an extremely hot day and they did really well, especially the girls who played later in the day. They worked so hard. I'm really proud of them.

"It's no good coming here thinking you're going to win it, you have to come here and really work hard because winning it is a

memorable moment."

Cllr Miranda Williams, the royal borough's cabinet member for culture and creative industries, said: "It is great to see another judo competitor coming through to international standard and following in Gemma Gibbons' footsteps.

"Congratulations to her on being selected for the European Cadet Championships and also congratulations to the girls' judo team who did the royal borough proud by winning the London Youth Games title again."

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